

Tuesday Morning, August 21, 1866.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance or by order of the advertiser.

TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will be made in this rule.

The Gubernatorial Visit.

One of the first duties incumbent upon Her Majesty's representative upon assuming the government of any of Her Colonies, unquestionably is to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the country and the subjects over whom he has to rule. During the three years of his administration, Governor Kennedy has not proceeded farther than Nanaimo to the North, and Leech River to the West, and the rest of the Island was therefore so far as his personal knowledge was concerned, a blank, a *terra incognita*. The settlements of both aborigines and white men, are necessarily either close to the sea shore or approachable by water, and with two or three ships of war lying in Esquimalt harbor, always available, the task of proceeding round the Island on an official visit, could be neither perilous, difficult, nor disagreeable during the summer months. His Excellency has now accomplished the feat, and must feel how limited was his previous knowledge of the island and those who inhabit it. The treatment of the native tribes, falls especially within the sphere of his jurisdiction, and to understand the wisest mode of dealing with them, requires personal contact with them and some insight into their habits, customs and ideas. More frequent intercourse with the Indians on the West Coast especially, would lead to a much better understanding, and prevent the necessity of summary punishment being inflicted for wrongs committed by the untutored savages. We find the poor creatures themselves anxious for a better understanding, and asking His Excellency to appoint Indian agents to reside among them. In the present condition of the country, the appointment of paid agents, is out of the question, but we would press upon the Executive, the advisability of more frequent friendly visits being paid by a man of war, having a representative of the Government on board, to the more distant Indian settlements on the Coast. It would be the means of quieting the natives, repelling depredations, and ensuring greater security to life, without which the remote portions of the Island will neither be developed nor settled. At Cowichan, we notice that the compensation and Indian Reserve question was again brought to His Excellency's notice. This is a grave matter, deserving the earnest attention of Government, for there is every reason to apprehend serious trouble if faith be much longer broken with the original Lords of the Manor. At the white settlements of Comox and Cowichan Valley, His Excellency will have had ample opportunity of judging for himself whether the Island, as some people still maintain, contains no arable land, and whether our agricultural interests are worthy of encouragement or not. In every point of view the visit of the Governor was necessary and politic. The Indian will feel that a great barrier no longer lies between him and the white man's "hyas tyke," and that he has only to behave himself to be his friend, while the honest and deserving settler, struggling for his livelihood in the distant woodland, will infuse fresh vigor into his wearisome toil, under the assurance that his interests and wants are known, where they can best find a helping friend.

By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE COLONIST AND CHRONICLE.

YESTERDAY'S DESPATCHES!

California.
San Francisco, August 19.—Eastern line down yesterday, but working today.

The steamer Montana, from Portland, arrived today.

The U. S. sloop of war St. Mary's 56 days from Panama, arrived yesterday.

The number of deaths in the city last week was 52.

The Coroner has empanelled a jury in the matter of the falling of Sumner street House.

Two smart shocks of earthquake were felt at ten minutes past one this morning.

The steamer Active left for Victoria at 4 p. m. yesterday. The weather was clear and cool.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Puget Sound.

Steilacoom, August 20.—Four soldiers belonging to Fort Steilacoom, called at Mr. Locke's brewery for beer this afternoon. As he went to his cellar to draw the beer, the soldiers followed him, knocked him down and took the key of his safe from his person, one of them holding him, while the other three rifled the safe about \$1600. Sheriff Judson and a posse are in pursuit. No tidings of robbers yet.

Letter from Cowichan.

Cowichan, August 18, 1866.

EDITOR COLONIST AND CHRONICLE.—Myself, with Messrs. Roderick McLeuen, and Hector, McPherson have to-day returned from what I see your paper of August 14th, calls the big prairie. And for the information of the people I send the following item, from which you can cut and correct to suit: I do not think the writer from Leech River, has ever seen the Basin, at the head of the west fork of Leech. Nor do I believe he found a hundred colors to the pan in the Kokesailah river. The whole tale seems a concocted story, formed from a few hints we might have let drop when at Leech—has neither for any one that was with me, nor ever written a scrap concerning the prairie. Neither did we see signs of any white, red, or black man having been there before, although we found signs of prospectors having been within a short distance from each end, or outlet. The 100 colors mentioned, we found in the Cowichan, but the color were so faint, it was not pay.

About the 20th of July last, Mr. Davis, of this place, and myself, followed the south fork of Kokesailah river to its source, from which we had only parted but a few yards, when we struck another stream running south, which we followed only a short distance, when we came into a large basin. We could see at once it was extensive, but owing to our shortness of provisions, we could only prospect one day. We found no gold in the basin, although quartz was plenty, and indications good.

We discovered about 1000 acres of prairie or meadow land. Also two lakes, one about 1 1/2 miles long, and 1/2 wide, the other, much smaller. The lakes and sloughs contain fine trout, as we have seen in this Island. Mr. Davis and I followed the south east outlet, which we found to be the west fork of the north fork of the Leech. Since then Messrs. McPherson, McLeuen and myself have more thoroughly prospected the basin: we discovered a south-west outlet, through which runs quite a stream, which we followed some 10 miles, running off and on, in a south-west direction. We took it to be the San Juan river, but are not positive. We found almost everywhere, the color of gold, but little more, although indications were excellent. We sunk one shaft 15 feet deep, in the Leech outlet, through hard cement; we found not even a speck on the bed-rock.

As near as we could guess, the basin is about from 4 to 5 miles long, from 3 to 4 wide. In all, we have seen over 2000 acres of excellent meadows of pure wild grass, free from shrubbery, parts dry, and some parts wet; and yet there is a great part of the basin we have not seen. We think it is capable of feeding large herds of stock without further trouble than driving them there, and making a trail through the skirts of timber. Plenty splendid wild hay can be cut to feed them through winter. It will likely be found too high to raise other crops, as it must be above 2000 feet above the sea level; yet it is well sheltered by mountains on every side. As to the theory that the comes from there to the Leech diggings, we cannot say, but judging from finding colors of gold in every rivulet that has only yet worn the rock a few feet, and from the quartz we have seen, we believe it will yet prove a rich quartz mining region.

A trail can be cut from the north fork of Leech, that we think will not only be over seven miles in length along the ridge to the south-east end of the Basin.

Yours respectfully,
WM. A. ROBERTSON.

Who is a Priest.

TO THE EDITOR:—One of the Reverend Fathers, in your issue of Saturday, seems to have gone a little out of his way, to inform your readers that the Rev Mr. Garrett, Master of Arts, of Trinity College, Dublin, is not a Priest. Now, for the "satisfaction of the author," I beg to state that he is a Priest, and holds a much better title than the author does, in the British dominions. Mr. Garrett is a Priest ordained according to the Canon law of the Protestant Reformed Church of England, sanctioned, not by the Pope, but by an act of Parliament. The Priest would imply, that none should bear that title except those who belong to the Roman Church. I shall not be provoked by the absurdity of the assumption, to open up a controversy upon a subject that has long since been settled; but I am rather puzzled why his Reverence should now have put it forward. I respect the gentleman who wrote the letter, the interest evinced indicates, to me, who he is—as I do his brethren for the pastoral care they take of their flock; for their world of labour and love, and for the unremitting attention they pay to the sick poor. The author does not say, Priests should not meddle with such an affair; if he had, I would remind him that the Apostle Peter, was a fisherman; that Saint Paul wrought at his trade with Aquilla; John Bunyan was not a Priest, but he was a powerful preacher; his Pilgrim's Progress has been translated into more languages than any other book, excepting the Bible and Shakespeare.

But, what's in a name? A rose by any other name may smell as sweet. It matters little whether an ordained clergyman is called priest or parson if he is a minister of the Gospel, and teaches the Doctrine and precepts of the great Teacher. Perhaps the gentleman thinks, although he does not say so, that Priests should not meddle in politics either, if so I have only to refer him to the history of the last generation, in his own country in Ireland, where resided that chief of political agitators, the great Daniel O'Connell, who was joined by the Priesthood with all the powerful influence. If the author's superior, Bishop Doane had been at Leech, he would, no doubt, have attended the meeting, alluded to, as he has cultivated a farm in the neighborhood himself, and always expressed considerable interest in agricultural prosperity; at least, to a certainty the said letter would never have appeared in print. The author is advised to take counsel another time when he touches a controverted point, for he must know that there is

A child among you taking notes, and faith he'll print 'em.

and spare neither cowl or cassock.

F. F. D.

A PERFECT ANTIDOTE FOR ALL POISONS.—A plain farmer says:—"It is now over 20 years since I learned that sweet oil would cure the bite of a rattlesnake. Not knowing it would cure other kinds of poison. Practice, observation and experience have taught me that it will cure poisons of any kind, both on man and beast. I think no farmer should be without a bottle of it in his house. The patient must take a spoonful of it internally, and bathe the wound for a cure. To cure a horse it requires eight times as much as it does a man. It will cure a dog bite in the most extreme cases of snake bites in this neighbourhood: eleven years ago this summer, where the case had been thirty days standing, and the patient had been given up by the physicians, I heard of it, carried the oil, gave him one spoonful, which effected a cure. It is an antidote for arsenic and strychnine. It will cure a dog bite in case by eating too freely of fresh clover; it will cure the sting of bees, spiders, or other insects; and will cure persons who have been poisoned by a low running vine grower in the meadows, called ivy."

A Frenchman cannot pronounce "ship." The word sounds "sheep" in his mouth. Seeing an iron-clad he said to a boy, "I shish a war-ship?"—"No," answered the boy, "it's a ram."

Mrs. Partington declares that she thinks it very strange that a little quicksilver in a glass tub can make such a rattle but whether by just raising it an inch or so.

New Advertisements.

BARGAINS.

GENTLEMAN LEAVING THE COUNTRY will sell a handsome sewing machine in Mahogany case, never used, which cost \$125 for \$60, cash.

—ALSO—
One \$100 share in the Spring Ridge Water Works Co., very cheap.
Apply at the COLONIST & CHRONICLE OFFICE.

Strayed.

FROM THE CORNER OF RAE AND BLANCHARD streets, a Green Parrot, answers to the name of Laura. Ten dollars reward will be given to any one bringing the Parrot to W. S. Schright Green, at the above address.

WEEKLY

Colonist & Chronicle

NOW READY!

AND FOR SALE AT ALL THE BOOK STORES.

EX MOHAWK,

FROM LONDON,

NOW LANDING & FOR SALE

BY THE UNDERSIGNED:

20 qr casks Hennessy's Pale Brandy

29 qr casks Martell Pale Brandy

16 qr casks Otard Dupuy Pale Brandy

5 qr casks Jules Robin Pale Brandy

5 qr casks Sazac Pale Brandy

250 cases Martell Brandy

250 cases Hennessy Brandy

20 hds Jamaica Rum, 35 op

500 Green cases J D K Z Gin

200 Red cases J D K Z Gin

5 punches Gin J D K Z

10 qr casks Gin J D K Z

10 punches Swaine Board's Old Tom

250 cases Swaine Board's Old Tom

20 cases Swaine Board's Ginger Brandy

20 do do Orange Bitters

4 qr casks Duff Gordon Pale Sherry

4 qr casks Hunt's Old Port Wine

200 boxes Candles

20 cases Sardines

20 qr casks Vinegar, best London Malt

20 cases pint and quart Pickles

50 cases assorted Sauces

50 cases Pie Fruit

14 cases of Yellow Metal Sheathing, from 14 to 24 ounces

3 casks of Sheathing Nails

80 tons Iron, Bar, Round; Sheet, Plate and Charcoal, assorted sizes

Cod Hooks and Lines assorted

Twine assorted

Plate Glass, Silvered, without frames

Chamois Skins assorted

1000 Three bushel Bags, heavy

200 Wool Bags, large size

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING,

Baltic Shirts

Woolen Capes

Pants and Vests, assorted

Black and Colored Neckties

Woolen Socks

Black Alpacaes

Colored Coburgs and Merinos

9-8 Prints, fast colours

36 inch Horrocks Long Cloth

Cotton Tick, wide width

Black and Colored Ribbons

2 1/2 point Blue Blankets

2 1/2 point Black Blankets

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AUTHORISED CAPITAL, £2,000,000 STERLIN

Head Office, 69 Cornhill, London.

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS OF THE ASSURANCE COMPANY FOR VANCOUVER AND THE BRITISH COLUMBIA, we are now prepared to accept risks and issue policies, at moderate rates.

All necessary information can be obtained at our Office, Wharf Street, Victoria, V.I.

LOWE BROTHERS

Prize Medal Soap!

WE HAVE THIS DAY TRANSFERRED THE AGENCY OF THE PRIZE MEDAL SOAP TO L. J. TURNER & CO.

THESE SUPERIOR SOAPS, WHICH WERE AWARDED

Prize Medals

At the World's Fairs of 1851 and 1862, are especially adapted for use of

FAMILIES, HOTELS

AND

STEAMBOATS.

At lowest rates, both wholesale and retail, at the

lowest rates, by

LANGLEY & CO.

Chemists and Druggists, Yates street.

CHAS. F. BARNARD, M.D.

SURGICAL AND MECHANICAL

DENTIST.

Fort St. one door East of Government

VICTORIA, V.I.

HAVING ESTABLISHED HIMSELF at the above address, offers his professional services to the public, and is confident in his ability to give satisfaction to those wishing his services. He therefore respectfully solicits the patronage of the citizens of Vancouver Island, British Columbia and Puget Sound.

He is pleased to visit patients professionally at their residences. All branches of the profession attended to. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 5 1/2 p. m.

DAY & MARTIN'S

REAL JAPAN BLANKING!

For adorning nourishment and durability to the Leather it stands unrivalled.

Sold by all First Class Houses in British Columbia and the Colonies

In Bottles and Tins of 6d., 1s., and 1s. 6d. each

New Advertisements.

BELLINGHAM BAY

Coal Mines.

As these Mines have gained considerable celebrity on account of the immense deposits of coal found in them, and having personally visited the locality and tested the quality of the coal for steam purposes, I am induced, at the solicitation of several friends, to give a description of the mines and their productions.

The Mines are situated in Washington Territory, on the banks of the bay from which they derive their name. The bay affords good anchorage and a safe harbor, accessible at all stages of the water, for the largest class of vessels. The improvements at the mines, besides the necessary work shops, dwellings &c., consist of a Wharf, extending some 250 feet into the Bay, alongside of which, vessels taking in a cargo of coal, can lie with perfect safety at low water. A railway is laid on the wharf to discharge covered chutes, in which are screws, where the cars are loaded and taken to the vessel. These screws are supplied from the Mines, to the mouth of which is another railway. The coal is drawn from the Mines by a powerful steam engine, up an incline of 480 feet, and taken to the wharf by mules and chutes, where it is thoroughly screened. At the terminus of the incline, is another railway, extending into the Mine on a level of some 2200 feet. The cars are placed on this railway at regular distances of 18 feet apart, and receive the coal from the chambers which are cut into the seam on the right, leaving solid pillars of the above dimensions supports. On the left of the railway, and extending its entire length, is a gutter some twelve inches below the level, which receives the water dripping from the Mine, and the water is conveyed to a tank, from which it is pumped to the surface. The water is then conveyed to the sea, and the Mine is kept dry.

The following is a report of the steaming quality of the Bellingham Bay Coal as tested on the Pacific on her recent trip from the mine. Thirteen hours under steam, in thick fog, from the Coal Mine to Olympia, distance about 110 miles, burning 2 tons 100 lbs. making 100 miles per hour, only a little more than the same, and blacked out flying over the deck. From Olympia to Victoria, distance about the same, stopping at Port Townsend one hour; the run was made in 13 hours, burning 2 1/2 tons of coal and one cord of wood.

WILLIAM KOHL

Sea Baths! Sea Baths!!

25 cents. 25 cents.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS LEAVE to inform the public, that he has established a first class

Salt Water Bath House

on the beach just above Douglas' Foundry.

—Baths taken to the Bath House free of charge, by boats from the foot of Johnson street.

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Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND

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Aug 20.—Str Alexander, Swanson, N Westminster

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Str Minerva, Gardner, Honolulu

EXPORTS

Per str MINERVA to Honolulu—477 pkgs merchan

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Cruise of H. M. S. "Scout" round the Island.

WEDNESDAY, 8th.—Left Esquimalt harbor at 10 a.m.

at 10 a.m. and anchored at 4 o'clock the following afternoon in Simpson harbor at the head of the Alberni Canal, Barclay Sound.

It was distressing to see the lately prosperous little settlement of Alberni fast becoming a heap of ruins; one white man by the name of Drane is there, who takes care of the machinery connected with the saw mill.

The pretty little gardens of the settlers are overgrown with weeds and the houses falling to decay.

We afterwards visited the farm up the river, there is some excellent land farmed by a man named Taylor, a Scotchman, who pays a nominal rent of \$1 a year.

He has some very fine looking stock.

FRIDAY, 10th.—Weighed from Stamp harbor at 4 p.m. and anchored by 10 o'clock in Ouchucklesit, about 20 miles from Alberni.

Landed and visited the Indians and gave them a present of some biscuit and a few blankets, they appeared well satisfied and promised not to molest the whites.

They asked eagerly for some white man to live among them in the capacity of Indian Agent. This indeed appears to be much needed everywhere, for the Indians want some one who they can respect and look up to and who will protect them and represent their grievances in a proper manner.

We left Ouchucklesit about 2 p.m. and shortly afterwards anchored in Island harbor, not more than 12 miles off.

We were unable to proceed owing to the fog and thick disagreeable weather.

SATURDAY, 11th.—Weighed early this morning; at 6 o'clock His Excellency landed at Village Island and visited the fishing establishment of Messrs. Sprout & Co. They have a quantity of most excellent Cod, which they salt down. They obtain these fish (which are called by the natives "Tush-koo") in very large quantities and their little schooner Codfish takes them to Victoria.

Entered Clayquot Sound by noon and anchored off the village of the Ahousat Indians. This is the tribe of Indians who were so severely punished by the Sutfj. We landed and had a "wah-wah" with them. Gave a few blankets to the Chief and distributed some tobacco and biscuit among the tribe. We saw Capeha, the Chief, he was severely wounded at the time the Sutfj made the attack on his village and he pointed out the scars on his leg and shoulder, which had evidently been caused by some very severe wounds. Anchored the same evening in Hasiquat harbor.

SUNDAY 12th.—Left Hasiquat at 4 in the morning, and steered for Nootka Sound. Stopped for an hour at Friendly Cove, (the entrance to Nootka.) The Governor landed and visited the Indians, spoke to them, and distributed some small presents among them. They showed us various documents from captains of merchant ships and others, saying they were friendly disposed towards the whites. These people also asked for some white man to be sent to live among them. We then steamed round Nootka Island, and anchored the same evening in Queen's Cove Esperanza Inlet.

MONDAY 13th.—Left Queen's Cove by 10 a.m., very thick foggy weather, drizzling rain, surf breaking heavily over the rocks at the entrance to Esperanza; however, we got safely outside, and shaped a course for Quatsino Sound, where we anchored by 6 p.m. Found the schooner Kate, Capt. Walter, here. They were trading for salmon.

TUESDAY 14th.—Weighed from Quatsino at daylight; rounded Cape Scott, with splendid weather; passed into the Galetas Channel; and anchored at Fort Rupert by 2 p.m. Found the Otter lying here. The Governor landed and visited the Fort and the Indian village.

WEDNESDAY 15th.—Weighed at 4 a.m. and anchored the same night in Tribune Bay, Hornby Island.

THURSDAY 16th.—Weighed at daylight, and anchored off Comox by 8 o'clock. The Governor landed, and rode round the settlement; called at all the settlers houses, and enquired most kindly into their wants, and evinced great interest in their farms, stock, &c. Nearly all the settlers spoke cheerfully of their prospects, and appeared contented. They complained much of the want of a road from the settlement to the bay, and they also complained of the difficulty of getting rid of their produce, except at a great loss. One settler showed two magnificent hogs fattened on milk and corn, weighing 300 pounds each. The same man has 150 other hogs. They say they send their stock to Victoria, and they are told there is no market for them; they then write back to sell them at any price, and they are sold at a most ruinous price to them. It seems strange there should be no market for hogs, poultry, butter, &c., where we import thousands of dollars worth of bacon and butter yearly. Surely it would pay some honest man to act as a commission merchant, and to agree to receive all the stock from the various settlers at Comox, selling it for them to the best advantage, and receiving his commission thereon. They spoke very hopefully of the coal mines at Comox, and next week they commence making the trail to them. This is altogether a most flourishing little settlement. Many of the settlers are single men, and complained bitterly of not being able to obtain wives, as bachelor life is not conducive to comfort. A very pretty meandering stream passes through the settlement, abounding with trout. The officers from the ship caught some magnificent fish.

FRIDAY 17th.—Weighed at 4 a.m., from Comox, and anchored by 11 o'clock at Nanaimo. The town of Nanaimo has wonderfully improved during the last three years.

Its progress appears slow, but sure. No vessels were lying here.

SATURDAY, 18th.—Left Nanaimo, and anchored in Cowichan Bay by 2 p.m. On the following day (Sunday) His Excellency landed, and attended Divine Service at the Parsonage. There were 39 people present; sometimes there are as many as 60. After service, His Excellency rode round and visited various settlers. Some very magnificent oats were seen at the farm of Mr. Alexander, he expected they would yield at least 80 bushels to the acre. Mr. Alexander has a wife and family, and appears a thriving prosperous man. He has travelled a great deal, has farmed both in the old country and Australia, but he says he infinitely prefers this, and is perfectly contented with the spot he has chosen. He owns about 20 head of fine cattle. All the crops at the various farms, looked as if they would yield an abundant harvest. The Indians were peaceable, they complained about their lands, and were anxious to know when the question of what land they were to have, would be definitely settled.

Left Cowichan early Monday morning and arrived at Salt Spring Island by 6 o'clock. His Excellency landed and walked to Mr. Booth's farm.

8.30, left Salt Spring, arriving in Esquimalt by 4 p.m., having steamed completely round the Island, and traversed 795 miles.

Presentation to the Rev. Dr. and Miss Evans.

The congregation of the Wesleyan Church and members of other denominations in this city, met last evening to witness the presentation to the Rev. E. Evans, pastor of the above Church, of an address, accompanied with a handsome silver teacup, and also to Miss Evans, daughter of the above with a silver cake basket and knife. Addresses were made by the Rev. A. Brown, of the Wesleyan Church, Rev. Thos. Somerville, Presbyterian Minister, Dr. Dickson, M. L. A., Messrs Jessop, Sparrow and Spencer, to which earnest and able replies were given by the Rev. gentleman about to leave, both on his own behalf and that of his daughter Miss Evans. The following was neatly inscribed on the silver teapot: "Presented to the Rev. E. Evans, D.D., by the Methodist congregation, Victoria, V.I., over which (having founded the Church in this city) he has presided nearly eight years, as a mark of their affectionate esteem on his removal from this circuit August 20th, 1866. On the silver cake knife was the annexed: "Presented to Miss Evans by the Wesleyan congregation, on leaving Victoria, V.I., August 20, '66." The address alluded to, we hope to give in our next issue. The lateness of the hour precludes us from publishing them in this paper.

Supreme Court.

[JUDGE CHIEF JUSTICE NEWMAN.]

Monday, August 21.

Walker v. Lorenzen.—Argument in this case was resumed yesterday. Mr. McCreight instructed by Messrs. Drake & Jackson, for the plaintiff, and Mr. Ring instructed by Messrs. Perkins & Green, for the defendant.

The suit was brought to recover the sum of \$3000, amount of a guarantee given by defendant to the Manager of the Bank of British Columbia, and \$2500 for interest on the same. It was held by the Court that defendant was liable to pay the amount of the guarantee but without interest. She defendant had offered to pay the \$3000 without interest, upon receiving a proportionate share. (The security obtained by the Bank from Messrs. Sprout & Co., the parties for whom the guarantee was given. Counsel on both sides conceded, and the Court agreed, that the Bank was liable to give the defendant the proportionate share of the security demanded by defendant.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—This body met last evening, present His Worship the Mayor and a full board. An account from Mr. Heisterman as agent for the lesors, for \$25 for rent to the 25th August was filed. The Committee on Bridges obtained further time to report. The Clerk read the report of indebtedness of the Corporation to June 30th, 1866, which was received and adopted, and the committee discharged. The Sanitary Commission verbally reported that 85 notices had been given to remove nuisances, and that monthly reports of their proceedings would be handed in. The report was received and adopted. The application of Messrs. Astrico & Co. of the Pacific Telegraph Hotel came up for consideration but no action was taken, and the Council adjourned till Monday Evening next.

MINERAL OIL FOR FUEL.—An English paper states that a series of important experiments upon Mr. Richardson's method of burning mineral oil as a fuel for steamships and steam-engines, has been made at Woolwich Dockyard, with complete success. Ten pounds of water is the highest quantity that has ever been evaporated per pound of the best steam coals; upwards of 15lb of water has now been evaporated continuously for many hours by oil from the celebrated Torbanehill or doghead mineral. The trial, with other rock oils, though not reaching quite so high a figure, have been such as to prove the superiority of mineral oil over coal, and the perfect capability of maintaining the strongest fire without the slightest cessation or diminution of its intensity until the complete exhaustion of the store of fuel.

ACCIDENT IN A COAL PIT.—A French coal mine has been the scene of an accident, which is familiar enough on a small scale to the miner, but rarely occurs in such proportions. A cage or platform was used for raising the coal, and finding that this rubbed against the shaft, investigation was commenced. It was found that the side which had been well "tuffed," or boarded, was projecting. The miners, 300 in all, were got out safely, and an attempt made to repair the damage. But these timber fell in, and following them came such a deluge of water that no power could control the torrent. Hundreds of tons of stone and earth followed the water, and the mine filled with water and mud and the debris of the shaft and works, which were entirely destroyed.

REMOVAL.—Solomon Bros. beg to inform the public that they have removed to the Brick Building, Government Street formerly the Enterprise Saloon. They have received per "Mohawk," a large assortment of Men's Clothing and Under Clothing, which they will sell lower than any house in town. Give them a call.

GOLD.—The imports of gold into the United Kingdom amounted in April to £719,760 against £1,024,684 in April, 1865, and £1,424,654 in April, 1864. The exports of gold from the United Kingdom in April amounted to £181,099 against £639,022 in April, 1865, and £1,876,411 in April 1864. In the four months ending April 30, the value of the gold imported was £3,145,749 against £3,675,930 in the corresponding period of 1865, and £5,532,504 in the corresponding period of 1864. In the four months ending April 30, the value of the gold exported was £1,877,463 against £2,163,536 in the corresponding period of 1865, and £5,988,217 in the corresponding period of 1864. There has thus been a considerable contraction in the movement of gold this year.—Engl. Paper.

ROGUE AND VAGABOND.—Sam Williams appeared on remand yesterday in the Police Court charged as a rogue and vagabond. He pleaded hard to escape, enumerated several places where he had recently earned a day's wages, and wanted to know whether the times were such that a man was to be punished because he could not get work? The Magistrate said the evidence was too clear, prisoner was a bad character, and had escaped before on mere quibbles, he must now send him to the chain-gang for three months. Sam went to prison quite indifferent about being called a rogue, but much incensed at being branded as a vagabond.

SAILING IN THE AIR.—Paris has lately had its aeronautical fiasco as well as New York. An immense balloon-ship, with sails, screw, helm and other appliances, started on a voyage from Paris May 10, but after ascending a few yards the balloon burst, either from being overweighted or damaged by the machinery, and fell heavily to the ground. A similar attempt was made in London on the Monday following, with a balloon furnished with oars feathered with goose-quills, and a rudder and screw of the same material. The trip was safely made, but whether the inventor was successful is not stated.

RETURN OF H. M. S. SCOUT.—H. M. S. Scout, Capt. Price, having His Excellency the Governor, Superintendent Hankin, Mr. Dally, photographic artist, Mr. Ashe, from Comox, and others on board, returned to Esquimalt yesterday at 4 p.m., having circumnavigated the island, calling at 21 and anchoring at 19 places. An interesting outline of the cruise will be found in another column. Mr. Dally brings back several excellent views of different points of interest on the coast and west coast.

SANITARY COMMISSION.—Yesterday John Baldwin appeared before the Mayor to answer a summons for non compliance with an order of the Sanitary Commission, to remove a certain nuisance from his premises. Further time was granted on defendant paying the cost of summons.

WHAT NEXT?—A Viennese philosopher is experimenting upon the transportation of ponderable bodies by electricity, so that the old fable of the soldier who sent his shoes home for exchange by hanging them on the telegraph wire, may be realised.

FOR THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The schooner Minerva, Capt. J. A. Gardiner, sailed last night for Honolulu, with a full cargo of merchandise as per manifest, valued at \$10,000, shipped by Messrs. H. Nathan and E. B. Marvin.

VICTORIA RIFLE CORPS.—Second class firing, Monday and Tuesday at 4 p.m., third class firing, Wednesday at 4 p.m., equid drill, Tuesday and Friday at 7.30 p.m. By order, J. GORDON VINTER, Lieut. and Adjutant.

ROUND THE CORNER (FORMERLY EDEBARD'S SALOON) Langley Street, will be opened this (Saturday) evening, July 28th, at 8 o'clock, by Jacob Herkimer, who will be happy to see all his friends.

COAST GUARD.—The House of Assembly did not meet yesterday, the only members present being the Speaker and Messrs Young, Dickson, and Padwell. Messrs DeCosmos and Cochrane arrived in time to be too late.

THE WRITER OF THE LETTER IN ANSWER TO the arguments of the author of "Our Indian Policy," must comply with our rule and furnish his name, before his communication can appear.

THE EPISCOPAL WIG.—In his recently published sketches of the English clergy, Mr. Trollope points out the important revolution corresponding to the abandonment of the Episcopal wig. No one can calculate how much awe has departed from the popular mind as a direct consequence of the change. Bishops, indeed, still wear aprons, and on the occasions they indulge in the glories of lawn sleeves. But there is something about a wig, irrational as the ornament may appear to the thoughtless, which is peculiarly propitious to majestic dignity. If the Judges gave up the wigs we should anticipate the abolition of capital punishment; it would be scarcely possible to pronounce sentence of death in a natural head of hair. The Speaker without his wig could never preserve order in the House of Commons; he would sink to the level of the President of a Continental Assembly, and would soon be ringing a bell, and indulging in conversational sparring matches with honorable members as though they were his fellow-crowns. The disappearance of the Episcopal wig undoubtedly corresponds with a change of character in the same direction. The old beswiggered Bishop was one of the glories of the British Constitution. He might be receiving a princely income, filling his best living with his relatives, laying in a cellar of port, and defrauding his successors by taking fines for less up to the last day of his life. He was able, in short, to live in harmony with a wig; he was a being to whom it was impossible to look up without the reverence due to complete success in life; he had done thoroughly well for himself, and it was proper that men should speak well of him. The ordinary Bishop of the present day is cruelly short of his glory as well as his head-dress. No one feels that he is really an abuse, or, in other words, that he is deserving of much envy. He lives in a palace, and has £5,000 a year but he does not break out into that exuberant and partly prosy, the contemplation of which is so truly delightful to the benevolent mind. He has plenty of work and seeks for the reputation of being a good man of business; which means that he answers all his letters punctually and never gets into a scrape.—Saturday Review.

A cross-grained old bachelor says that "tin" is the favourite belle metal now-a-days.

IDEAS (says Voltaire, the old brute) are like beads—men get them when they grow up; women never have any.

A REMINISCENCE.—The Cincinnati Commercial Washington correspondent gives the following pleasant little anecdote of a late President Lincoln: "Conversing with Hon. James A. Briggs, formerly State Agent of Ohio in New York, one day at the White House, the late President said in reference to the rush of office-seekers and their ingenious devices to secure his attention: 'Why, Briggs, I have been so vexed by a system of flattery, brokerage of offices here in Washington, for I am constantly beset by women of all sorts, high and low, pretty and ugly, modest and the other sort. Here, yesterday, a very handsome young woman called: she would not take a denial, was admitted, and went straight to work soliciting a certain office. I have been so vexed by a system of flattery, brokerage of offices here in Washington, for I am constantly beset by women of all sorts, high and low, pretty and ugly, modest and the other sort. 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